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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, JA

SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATORS AGAIN BLOCK MARINE ARTILLERY

EXERCISE

REF: NAHA 050 (NOTAL) AND 445 OF 10/17/74

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1. SOME 75 DEMONSTRATORS AND 10 CARS HAVE OCCUPIED THE IMPACT AREA OF THE MARINE ARTILLERY RANGE OVER HIGHWAY 104 FROM EARLY IN THE MORNING OF FEB 18. DEMONSTRATORS ALSO ATTEMPTED TO MOVE INTO THE FIRING AREA AS WELL BUT WERE KEPT OFF BY JAPANESE POLICE. TRAFFIC ON HIGHWAY 104 HAS BEEN ABOVE AVERAGE AND CARS CARRYING RED BANNERS HAVE BEEN SEEN. THE DEMONSTRATORS IN THE IMPACT AREA HAVE SET UP TENTS, APPARENTLY INTENDING TO REMAIN THROUGH FEB 20, THE ANNOUNCED DURATION OF THE EXERCISE. MILITARY SOURCES INDICATE THE DEMONSTRATORS ARE AFFILIATED WITH GENSUIKYO.

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2. ACCORDING TO RYUKYU SHIMPO, THE PREFECTURAL ASSEMBLY

BASES COMMITTEE DEMANDED THAT THE NAHA DFAB STOP THE EXERCISE. THE DFAB SAID IT COULD NOT DO SO, BUT COULD ARRANGE FOR PROTECTION OF THE LOCAL INHABITANTS IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. MILITARY UNDER THE SOFA.

3. MARINE SOURCES INDICATE THEY PLAN TO WAIT OUT THE DEMONSTRATORS, POSSIBLY FIRING AFTER FEB 20.

4. COMMENT: HAVING SUCCESSFULLY STOPPED THE LAST PREVIOUS MARINE FIRING OVER HIGHWAY 104 IN OCT, IT WAS ALMOST INEVITABLE THAT THE LEFT WOULD RISE ONCE AGAIN TO THE CHALLENGE THIS TIME. DESPITE

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POLICE COOPERATION IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PREVENT DEMONSTRATORS FROM INFILTRATING INTO THE RANGE AREA, EVEN IF ACCESS TO HIGHWAY 104 IS BLOCKED. THE NEW APPROACH BY THE MARINES, HOWEVER, HAS DEFLATED EARLIER LEFTIST CHARGES THAT OUR ARTILLERY EXERCISES INTERFERED WITH THE DAILY LIVES OF THE PEOPLE UP THE ROAD. REPEATED PROMPT RESCHEDULING OF THE EXERCISE WILL CERTAINLY WEAR DOWN THE DETERMINATION OF THE DEMONSTRATORS.

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